

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

JANUARY 14, 2002

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN UNITED
TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC.
AND PREMIERE NETWORK
SERVICES, INC.**

DOCKET NO. 01-00965

**ORDER APPROVING MASTER NETWORK
INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE AGREEMENT**

The *Petition* requesting approval of a Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement negotiated between United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Premiere Network Services, Inc. came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at the January 8, 2002 Authority Conference. The Agreement was filed on November 2, 2001 and came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.

Based upon the *Petition*, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

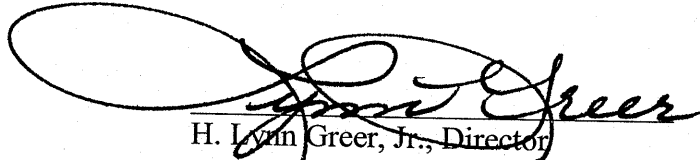
- 1) The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.
- 2) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s service area.

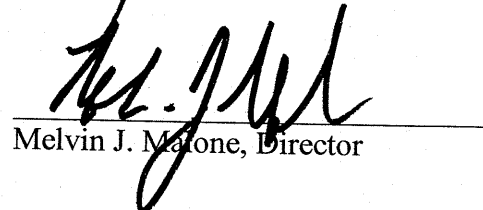
- 3) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto.
- 4) No person or entity has sought to intervene in this docket.
- 5) The Agreement satisfies the standards for approval of negotiated interconnection and resale agreements set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252.
- 6) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

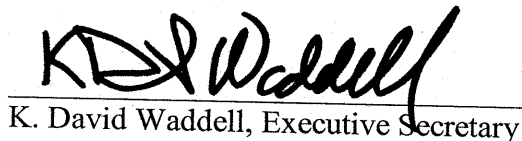
The Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement negotiated between United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. and Premiere Network Services, Inc. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.¹


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

¹ Approval of this Agreement does not constitute a finding by the Authority that the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority rulings. United Telephone-Southeast did represent, however, that it "is not aware of any provisions in the . . . interconnection agreement that are inconsistent with any previous Authority decisions in proceedings to which Untied was a party." See Letter of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. (Dec. 17, 2001).